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Four survive plunge into Horseshoe Lake

OPP issues warning about ice conditions

by Andrew Milne

Four snowmobilers who went through the ice in the Horseshoe Lake narrows during a snowstorm Friday night escaped without serious injury.

Minden firefighters pulled one man out of the chilly water. Three others were able to get to shore on their own.

Rescue crews, working in pitch darkness, had to cope with a heavy, visibility-impairing snowfall, and treacherous road conditions to get to the men. Icy surfaces beneath a thick blanket of snow at one point forced crews to take the long way (the north road) around the lake to get to the last two of the men to be rescued.

Minden firefighters arrived first at the east side of the narrows, and pulled the first man, who was still in the water, to safety. Another man had managed to get to shore on his own. Both were then taken to Minden Hospital by ambulance.

Rescue crews then moved around to the west side of the narrows, and removed the remaining two men, who had also managed to reach shore, by snowmobile, to a waiting ambulance.

One of the four men was kept at the Minden Hospital, and treated for hypothermia.

The OPP reports the men were from the Oakville, Newmarket and Hillside areas, and estimates they went into the water around 8:40 pm.

The OPP was warning snowmobilers Saturday that lakes and rivers are not as safe for travel this winter as they might have been in past winters at this time of year. Said Sergeant D. Peterkin of Coboconk/Minden detachment, "Common sense would dictate that travelling at night in bad weather is also a recipe for disaster. Avoid waterway and check with local residents on ice conditions in the areas you will be snowmobiling."



Rescuers assist one of the snowmobilers, wearing a fire department coat, into the ambulance Friday evening. Heavy snow and icy conditions hampered rescue efforts.

Higher taxes driving Galway-Cavendish to consider Haliburton County option

by Jerry Grozelle

Officials from the municipality of Galway-Cavendish will be looking seriously at leaving Peterborough County and joining Haliburton County.

Peter Charters, representing the Galway Ratepayers' Group, spoke at the Northern Community Network meeting last Thursday evening at the Galway-Cavendish municipal office about the advantages of separating from Peterborough County and joining Haliburton County.

"Peterborough seems to be sucking the money out of Galway-Cavendish," Charters said. "To be generous to Peterborough, we think at least 50 per cent of our tax money leaves the township and never reappears."

Galway and Cavendish Ratepayers' Associations, cottage associations and other citizens' groups are in favour of conducting a study to determine the feasibility of realigning Galway-Cavendish with Haliburton County.

Charters pointed out that the preliminary investigations revealed that the municipality was paying 21 per cent more taxes in Peterborough than it

would if it were a part of Haliburton County. He noted though, that the vast majority of the difference was in education taxes.

"The Peterborough County Board of Education raised its budget by 1.8 per cent. Our increase was 7.25 per cent," Charters said. "We had to take a look and see what we could do about it, because, obviously, this can't go on. We'd be taxed to death within a few years."

Charters noted that the discrepancy is increasing rapidly. Compared to Glamorgan township, Charters said the Galway-Cavendish taxes have been increasing considerably faster.

With the responsibility for education being taken over by the province, Charters said that the financial burden won't be removed, but rather replaced by a whole set of new costs which are going to be assigned to the counties. He said that the funding for those new responsibilities will have to be dispersed among the municipalities.

"They are going to use exactly the same formula," Charters said. "This new set of costs is going to be shared out in exactly the same sort of way. And, in fact, there are two extra factors

in Peterborough County that are going to impact us even more. One is that the City of Peterborough is likely to be driving the county structure. As soon as that happens, Peterborough City will be looking to fund some of its services from the county."

He pointed out that Galway-Cavendish would be expected to help fund facilities in the City of Peterborough, such as arenas, which will never be available, from a practical standpoint, to the people of the northern municipalities.

The second factor is the farm tax rebate, or more precisely, the recently announced change in assessment, which will see farm properties assessed at 25 per cent of the residential tax rate. In the past, farm owners paid their taxes to the municipality and the educational portion was refunded by the provincial government as a Farm Tax Rebate. Beginning in 1998, municipalities will receive 75 per cent less tax revenues from farm properties. The municipalities will have to make up the difference by increasing taxes or cutting services.

Charters points out that Galway-Cavendish, like the municipalities in

Haliburton County, have very little farm land that would qualify for the new, lower tax rate. The southern half of Peterborough County, by contrast, has an abundance of farm land. Consequently, Galway-Cavendish, as part of Peterborough County, would be required to help make up the shortfall in revenues which will be experienced in the southern half of the county.

Snowdon Reeve George Simmons noted that forested lands, which are plentiful in Haliburton County, will be taxed the same as farm land, which will result in a similar loss of revenue. Charters agreed, but he was confident that Galway-Cavendish would still fare better as a part of Haliburton than Peterborough.

Galway-Cavendish council met with Bob Maddox of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Friday morning. Maddox outlined the procedures that would be required to accomplish the five various scenarios which have been proposed.

Council then decided to go ahead with studies to try to determine which option will be best for Galway-Cavendish. The municipality will be

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1997 Minden Sled Dog Derby Organizing Committee

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Bakery forced to close after Wednesday night fire

by Andrew Milne

A fire in R&W Bakery last Wednesday night has put the business out of operation for the immediate future.

The fire marshal's office and the bakery's insurer are investigating the fire, and owner Richard Milewski says he cannot effect repairs until they reach a verdict.

Milewski said last week, "The insurance company said I can start rebuilding now, but I've got no money stashed away. It's all in the business. I have to wait for the insurance company to give me the go-ahead. They wouldn't tell me how long it's going to take, but I hope they get it resolved very quickly."

The fire was in the utility room, which houses the bakery's electrical boxes and furnace. Milewski said there was smoke damage to the rest of the building.

Milewski said that in the meantime, he's worried about losing his wholesale customers.

"If it goes on long enough, I might lose their accounts," he said. "That would be terrible for me. I've built it up

for over two years. They have to have the bread, and they're going to have to turn to someone else to get the bread. If they're going to come back to me, I don't know."

Milewski said he and his wife Wanda, who also works in the business, had just arrived home from the bakery when his daughter called to say the fire department had arrived.

Anson, Hindon and Minden department was called to the scene around 5:30 p.m.

Fire Marshall Office official Jim McBride confirmed Friday his office is investigating the matter, with the assistance of the local OPP, and that he expects to have some conclusions in four to six weeks, though he may be able to make public comment earlier.

Said McBride, "I completed my preliminary investigation yesterday. I was basically called in because it was a fire of suspicious origin."

Milewski said he thinks the cause may have had to do with water in the electrical room. A pipe in a water-cooled refrigeration unit had been leaking, he said.



Members of the Minden Fire Department enter the front door of the R & W Bakery Friday evening after being called to extinguish a blaze in the building's utility room.

5 options for Galway Cavendish

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studying five options, including:

- * Joining Haliburton as a separate entity

- * Amalgamating with Snowdon and Glamorgan townships

- * Staying as it is

- * Amalgamating with the northern Peterborough municipalities of Burleigh-Anstruther, Belmont-Methuen, Chandos and Harvey

- * Amalgamating with Somerville

The studies will be conducted by Galway-Cavendish personnel.

Franzen said that he can't speak for the rest of Galway-Cavendish council, but he stated that, personally, he favoured joining with Haliburton County as a separate entity, as a first step, then

looking at amalgamating with Snowdon and Glamorgan townships. He noted that his opinion isn't shared by everyone.

At least one other member of council seems to favour remaining with Peterborough County and amalga-

mating with the other northern Peterborough municipalities.

Franzen said he expects the study to be started within the next couple of weeks, with completion by about the first of March.



GETTING TOGETHER: Reverend Brian Parker, left, welcomed leaders of other churches in the Minden area, and their parishioners, to a Interdenominational Service of Christian Unity at St. Pauls Anglican Church Thursday. Among those joining in the celebration were, at the right, Reverend Peter Walford-Davis of Minden United, Pastor Terry Wicks of the Minden Bible Church, Father Bill Fellion and Deacon Mark Stagg of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, and Pastor Bob Power of the Allsaw Pentecostal Church. The interdenominational service is held each year in a different church in the community.

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Education amalgamation — do the numbers add up?

"They say we don't need to consult because we've got all these reports. Well I don't know if in any of these reports there was any of this."

by Andrew Milne

It looks like it's really going to happen.

Barring the entirely unforeseen, the Haliburton County Board of Education, like many of its counterparts across the province, will, in eleven months, be amalgamated to form a new 'regional board'.

In the local case, the regional entity will have ten times as many students as the Haliburton County board. In concert with this change, the number of trustees will be significantly reduced, though no one seems to know yet what the final number will be.

Now, the big question is why.

The rhetoric has a familiar ring. This, say provincial sources, is about saving money. In the province's news release on the subject — part of the virtual blizzard of paper that poured through newspaper fax machines during the province's 'mega-week' of structural changes January 13 to 17 — Education Minister John Snobelen said the cuts to the number of trustees and boards was being done to "refocus our resources where they belong — on the individual student and teacher in the classroom."

MPP Chris Hodgson told *The Times* in an interview later the same week, that

a private consulting firm, hired by the province, "did a study and they said that by reducing 100 boards and 100 administrations, the province can save, on a very conservative estimate, \$150 million. That's significant."

Critics, however, have been suggesting the province's line on these issues has been somewhat disingenuous. Their most compelling point, perhaps, is that the previous studies the government has been citing as inspiration for much of their actions haven't generally supported amalgamation as a sensible measure to achieve savings.

In fact, Ontario's 1993 Royal Commission on Learning reached quite the opposite conclusion. Despite the public perception that the province has too many school boards, and too many trustees, the commission noted that Ontario actually has fewer boards per capita and per student population than any other province — well ahead of provinces like Alberta, even following that province's supposedly radical reduction in the number of

boards (a Ministry of Education's press release during mega-week, purporting to give a precis of other province's systems, fails to mention this detail). The commission also concluded, notably, that the best advice seems to suggest

"As with trustees, we were never able to establish any objective factors for determining what the right number of boards should be. Ontario has far fewer school boards per capita than any other province in Canada... The amounts of money that could be saved by having fewer boards... don't appear to be huge."

— *The Royal Commission on Learning, 1993.*

"We will refocus our resources where they belong — on the individual student and teacher in the classroom. To do this, we will streamline administration by cutting the number of school boards by half, and eliminating politicians by cutting the number of trustees by two-thirds."

— *Minister John Snobelen, January 1997.*

savings in reducing the number of boards would be minimal.

It could be argued that, as a province with a larger population and some heavily settled urban areas, larger boards in general might not be so unexpected. But

boards as much larger as the province is now proposing — coupled with the province's interesting avoidance of the issue in official releases — do seem to beg some questions.

Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA) president Lynn Peterson is one of those whose job it is now to ask those questions. She has noted some of the discrepancies between the reports the government says it is citing, and its conclusions from those reports. It bothers her. Says Peterson, "It was a question that was never answered, because it was never asked... They say we don't have to go out and consult because we've got all these reports. Well I don't know if in any of these reports there was any of this."

The newly commissioned management study says there are savings. The Royal Commission on Learning's study says there may be small savings, but they're probably not worth the trouble. The contradiction may, however, not be such a knot to untangle. There are two reasons.

First, and it's something few critics have noted yet, for all that it sounds like an impressive number, the \$150 million the province is talking about now is hardly so huge in terms of overall education expenditures. It's actually something like one per cent of the overall an-

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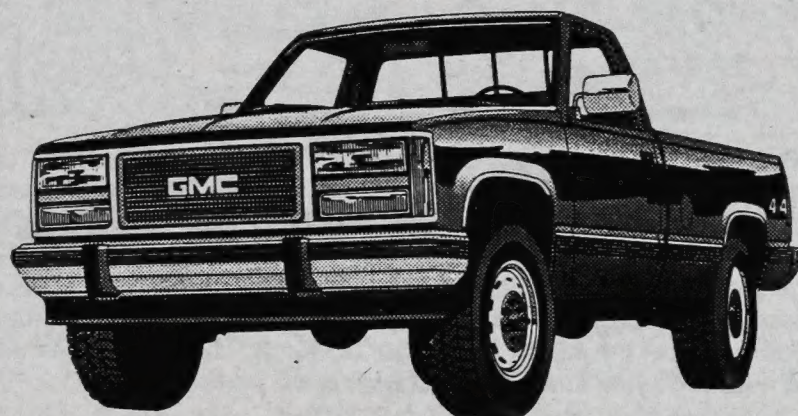
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nual cost of education in the province. The total is somewhere around \$13 billion or \$14 billion, depending on who is asked. So taxpayers — who will still, one way or another, be paying for education, though now more through the probably much more fair provincial income tax system — aren't getting huge savings here. This doesn't seem too far from the Royal Commission's original conclusion, that savings from administrative reduction under amalgamation aren't that significant.

The second problem is probably more to the point, and may well call even those meagre savings predicted by the latest study into question. Peterson, along with the labour leaders representing teachers and other staff working in the schools, has some rather cutting remarks on this aspect.

The province, say Peterson and the others, seems to have some interesting opinions on what savings are possible at this stage of the game. Nor has the government bothered to get too far into the probably significant one-time costs of actually implementing the changes.

Says Peterson, "It recognizes this will be a one-time cost in implementing them, but in none of this does it say what those costs are... They're also assuming economies of scale and a reduction of four per cent. What they're forgetting is most boards are already bulk purchasing books, computers.... you name it... It's the same thing with administration. I heard the minister talking about us having half as many supervisory officers in the future, one director where there used to be two... We have boards that are sharing those already. There are boards in this province which only get supervisory officer services three days a month."

The government's view of what constitutes in-classroom expenditures is another issue.

Walter Tose, of the Haliburton high school teacher's federation, who also stresses he sees some good in the province's finance reform, noted, "When the ministry is classifying what is an in-classroom expenditure and what's not, they're being very deceptive about it... They're not counting things like heat, custodians to keep the schools clean, books for libraries... Really the only thing they're counting as an in-classroom expense

is when the teacher and an educational assistant are in the classroom with the kids. Our preparation time, preparing lessons, marking, evaluating, assessing, doing student records, contacting parents, all that doesn't count for our job in the classroom."

CUPE representative Lynn Raback, who represents the support workers who might well suffer most if cuts are made in these areas, expresses similar views, and speaks also of the potential effects on the community. Says Raback, "It is our view that classroom teachers are not islands unto themselves. Teachers and students need and deserve education support workers who are committed to keeping our schools clean and safe, and who are caring and knowledgeable in our classrooms and school offices... We're not high income earners. We did a survey, and 90 per cent of our members spend 95 per cent to 100 per cent of their income right here in Haliburton County. That's housing, cars, gas, recreational activities, that's drug store items. You take that money out of this community, and this is going to have a very quick and direct effect."

Future savings from provincial cutbacks

The critics have already commented, in national media, they believe the province may intend, through this action, to weaken local control of education, and to get control for itself of the financial side, allowing it to make cuts as it sees fit. The province isn't exactly denying this. Hodgson, asked this question by *The Times*, said that the government expects there will be efficiencies in the near future, and

savings that can be gleaned from those.

All of which does seem to cut through the fog of claims and counter-claims about efficiencies under amalgamation. Given that the province has itself as much as said the savings aren't huge in most cases, it does seem necessary to look for other reasons it might be moving on amalgamation.

Whether this is a good thing in the long run for

Haliburton ratepayers and students is then the question. The major stakeholders, again, predictably, are less than impressed on this score.

Former chair of the Haliburton board Wendy Ladurantaye said, "I think there are always places to cut if you're willing to sacrifice what those costs are doing for you. I think the government is saying that they're willing to cut costs at the expense of democracy, accountability. Maybe that's fair. Maybe that's good. Maybe it's time for that change. Maybe we don't need democracy any more. That's not my opinion. To me, that's kind of absurd."

Number of trustees currently representing Haliburton's citizens: thirteen. Number proposed under 1995 task force report: one. Size of current Haliburton board: 2,500 students. Combined size after amalgamation with other boards: approx. 23,000.

Average number of students per board in Ontario prior to amalgamations: 12,000. After: over 30,000. All other provinces, with the exceptions of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, even following the amalgamations of the early nineties, have averages below 10,000 students per board. The majority are at around 6,000 to 8,000.

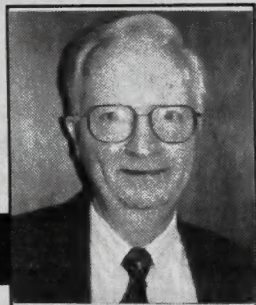
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— Wendy Ladurantaye, former chair, Haliburton County Board of Education.

The province's answer to suggestions it is reducing local accountability has been that boards of education will have fewer, more narrowly defined responsibilities, and that parent councils might take up some of the

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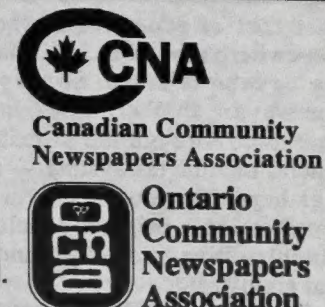
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Editorial

Tempus fugit

The residents of Ontario are catching their collective breath after the massive and unsettling changes announced two weeks ago by the provincial government. Virtually all aspects of life in the province felt the impact of the so-called mega-week announcements. Here in rural Ontario, the greatest changes centred around education and the redistribution of the burden for public services. In addition to the amalgamation of the Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka school boards and the subsequent shift of education funding to the province, there will be increased financial responsibility for health, social services, welfare, policing and other services, to the municipal tax base.

Missing in that equation is direction for municipal jurisdictions. While the province is attempting to force some changes on the larger centres, Toronto being the one example getting the most attention these days, how or when any changes will be made to rural jurisdictions is being left to the local politicians. While this approach may have some merit, (ie. it is a local situation that demands a local solution), it is one that we feel needs to be addressed as quickly as possible.

As we have stated in the past, the status quo does not appear to us to be a viable option. The recent announcements regarding the shift in

the tax burden adds urgency to that scenario. Small, single township municipalities may find their resources stretched to the limit. Increased responsibilities will require a broader perspective. New efficiencies will have to be found.

If the municipalities of rural Ontario, including Haliburton County, are to be ready to meet these challenges, changes will have to happen soon, especially in light of the fact that by November, municipal councils will begin a new three year term. The time for study is passed and the time for action is here.

jb

Someone has to pay for the 'free lunch'

Editor:

Re: *Government by Blitz*, by Andrew Milne, January 20:

It is my belief that evil only wins over good when good defeats. That is the way the Labour/Socialist parties in England, New Zealand, Canada and everywhere else drive the country into bankruptcy.

In each case, the good (honest, hard-working, self-sufficient providers) have given the benefit of the doubt to the evil (socialist Communist, left wing, welfare stateists) to let them have their "chance" to govern. As self-evident as gravity, the socialists devalue the money, borrow more than taxes can pay to finance their pet "noble causes" and generally drive the economy into stagnation with massive unemployment.

When the voters are frustrated enough, they will elect a conservative government to reverse the trend. Unfortunately, conservatives usually try to reshuffle the problems along with some good actions. We need to change the question from, "What should the government do to fix this or that problem?" to "What should the government un-do that caused the problem in the first place?"

As a capitalist, I am sick of being forced to be my brothers' keeper. Mike Harris seems to want the local municipalities to pay

for the welfare in their area. I hope when we directly feel the impact of welfare bums, we will not be so quick to dig into our own pockets to feed these mooches. We must learn that every consumer causes a producer and that any free lunch has to be paid for by someone. We can have zero employment of the employable if we cut our welfare completely.

Public education has been an uncontrolled farce for years. I hope that amalgamation and universal testing can weed out the bad teachers and get basic education back in focus.

Child care to be cared for locally: Great!

I hope we eliminate it. From the beginning of time, a family was raised by the parents. Now many can not afford the size of family they want in part because they are forced to pay for welfare bums. The famous left wing slogan has turned into "Who does not toil shall eat those who do."

The rest of the announcements had a general theme that I enjoy: If you want it--pay for it! The special interest groups that Milne refers to are special for one reason: they all want me to pay for what they get for nothing. I hope they freeze in the dark while my tax bill goes down. If I can keep

more of the money I earned, I will spend it on improving my standard of living. This will cause more employment than any welfare scheme could ever hope for.

I agree with Milne that Mike Harris's actions are not democratic. Will you agree that enslaving the ablest to support the laziest is about as democratic as you can get?

Democracy simply makes the biggest gang right. I say to hell with gang warfare.

It is my hope that Mike Harris will continue to cut and slash all branches of the government until all that is left is the provincial courts, provincial highways (with user fees) and possibly a disabled pension fund. Other than that, privatise anything that can sell and scrap the rest. The benefits to all of us will be the best standard of living on earth.

Most of our fore-fathers left Europe to get away from a form of government oppression. Blue bloods, guilds, serfdom, class system and taxes made searching out a life in the wilderness a great option. Today there is nowhere left to run! We need to clean up this mess and believe that Mike Harris is starting in the right direction. I am more than willing to debate Andrew Milne on this topic in any format that he likes.

Jim Battarbee,
Minden.

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Question everything

Editor:

In response to Arthur Black's column entitled, 'Canada: a conspiracy theory-free zone' (January 20):

I would like to express something which your readers may wish to consider in the wake of world-wide chaos and destruction and the information highway:

How many people in Canada own and watch a television? How many buy magazines? How many of us complain about the state of our economy and political systems yet have never voted?

Lets start by asking ourselves if the quality of life we live is really worth the energy and effort we all seem to put into it. We work...we spend....we entertain ourselves with our televisions and computers, not to mention Nintendo and Sega....and for what? Because we are passing time until we get to the next stop? How many of us really enjoy life to the fullest and are thankful that we have air to breathe, clean water to drink and a roof over our heads? What worries me most is that the majority of life on this planet is sucked into a whirlpool of media brainwashing, instead of questioning what

they hear.

The reality is that life is a stage and we're all playing a role while we're here. Are you going to sit by and watch when our government decides to start selling our water resources, or are you going to say something? Life is too precious to follow the rest like sheep. Take a stand in your own life and demand something better before it's too late. Even Einstein said, "Question everything". Find out for yourself rather than accept everything you hear as the truth. And, for God's sake, start using your imagination. I don't know

about the rest of the population, but I am certainly using more than ten percent of my brain. What, pray tell, could the other 90 percent have to say about all this chaos?

Life gives you signals and messages if you're keen enough to notice. And if you think you have it all and don't need anything more out of life, then check your pulse, because you're probably dead. I don't mean more things like cars and toys; I mean demand more quality from your own life.

There is a vast universe out there to explore so turn the TV off and venture outdoors for a look. You may be surprised at what you find. Give yourself the gift of life and it will pay you back handsomely.

Sandi Walker,
Minden

The hunters return

Editor:

Arthur Black should have listened to his teacher, even if her tongue was firmly planted in her cheek. His generalization about bear hunters sound like words from an idiot. Worse yet, an ignorant idiot that plants ideas in the minds of those that don't know the true facts about bears and

bear hunting. His mindless drivel has a group called the Bear Alliance written all over it and smells worse than the putrefying garbage he claims bear hunters use for bait.

I, for one, would like to challenge Mr. Black, to get off his "lard butt" and learn the truth about bears, and bear hunting in this

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George Chuvalo is still fighting

We are not good with heroes, we Canadians.... we shove them on the nearest pedestal. We leave them up there for a while, and then we throw things at them.

Peter Gzowski

What I consider a hero is a guy who goes to work every day and supports his family. The ordinary guy. I think to hold it together nowadays is a heroic enterprise.

Leonard Cohen

Gzowski's right--Canada is very hard on its heroes. We sneer at the Alex Trebeks and the Christopher Plummerts who go to Hollywood or London to get famous. Traitors! Turncoats! We scoff at the Marshall McCluhans and the Alice Munros who stay at home and get famous. Cowards! Homeys! If they're any good, how come they ain't in Hollywood?

We've got a Canadian hero in our midst who's been around for as long as I can remember. Trouble is, he's not beautiful like Pamela Anderson Lee, nor articulate like Joni Mitchell or graceful like Karen Kain.

As a matter of fact he's middle-aged, and built like a 260 pound beer stein.

But don't tell him I said so. Because, if he had a mind to, George Chuvalo could clean my clock with his left hand and do yours with his right---even though he'll turn 60 next year. They just don't make them any tougher than George Chuvalo.

For those of you too young to remember, Chuvalo was Canada's gift to the world of heavyweight boxing. He fought anyone who ever cared to lace on a pair of gloves, and though he wasn't the most gifted pugilist the world has ever known, nobody ever managed to knock him out---or even down. He fought 97 professional bouts and he fought the best. Floyd Patterson couldn't

take him out. Muhammed Ali, in his prime, punched George till he couldn't lift his hands anymore. Chuvalo never backed up and never went down.

Never lost his sense of humour either. George may have looked like a bar room bruiser but he had a fine mind and a quick, deprecating wit. I remember the time he appeared on Saturday Night at the Movies with Elwy Yost. Elwy was more than a little nervous having this monument of testosterone as a guest. Elwy blurbed even more than usual. "Now George," said Elwy, "I'm trying to think of the right word to describe your nose. It's not exactly Roman....it's not precisely Greek...."

George interrupted with, "Elwy, it looks like a potato."

George is not fighting these days---not in boxing rings in any case. Fact is George is going fifteen rounds in the toughest fight of his life. He is trying to wring some good out of the fact that his wife and three of his sons have killed themselves.

Heroin did the boys in. They just couldn't handle the pressure of being the offspring of Canada's toughest man. They took drugs. They OD'd. They died. And insurmountable grief over their deaths claimed his wife Lynne. I knew Mrs. Chuvalo slightly. We worked in the same plant nursery north of Toronto for a couple of summers. Lynne Chuvalo was feisty, funny and as strong a person as I've come across. But she couldn't handle the death of her three boys---and who can blame her for that?

So George is left. And what he does these days instead of sucking on a bottle or turning into a miserable recluse---what he does is go around to schools and talk to auditoriums full of kids to try to convince them to stay away from drugs.

It is not an easy thing for George

Chuvalo. He is a man of action, not a man of words. He breaks into a sweat every time he has to haul his 260 pounds up onto those auditorium stages and face a room full of blank faces that never heard of George Chuvalo.

But that's not the tough part. That comes when he talks about his boys.

He tells the school kids about the vomiting, the screaming, the rushing to the hospitals in the middle of the night. He tells them about his son who wanted to study Russian literature, the other son who wanted to be a game warden. And how they both wound up dead on the floor with their needles stuck in their arms.

He tells this tale to any high school that will have him. He has spoken at high schools in Ontario, in Alberta, and in British Columbia. Chuvalo tells the students that the little decisions they make now will affect the rest of their lives. He tells them that drug addiction does not happen overnight. He tells them that as young people, they simply do not know enough about the horrors of drug addiction.

The high school kids do not smirk, whisper or nudge. They listen in total silence.

And, when it is over, I daresay there is not a single kid in the audience that will ever again regard heroin as glamorous or sexy.

As for George Chuvalo, he just does what he's done all his life. He absorbs the pain, sits on his stool, waits for the for the bell and the next round, the next high school audience. Then he goes out there, wades in, chin up, and does it again.

No Canadian champions? We've got at least one I know of.

Ottawa? You were looking for someone to pin an Order of Canada on?

Etcetera

Arthur Black

More for less: it does not equate

Editor:

The Minister of Education, the Honourable John Snobelen, has recently announced sweeping changes to the education system, which he states will give us "more for less". The question which comes to mind is, "When was the last time any of us received quality products for less money?" In fact, the information to date refutes this very statement. In 1996, most boards of education had significant cuts to their grants and were forced to make major decisions based on budgetary rather than educational reasons. Across the province we

Get the facts

(from page 7)

province. However, I suspect he is a member of the Bear Alliance and being so, has been brainwashed for so long, he couldn't get a life if his life depended on it.

Mr. Black's words are directed to the uninformed, non-hunting public, as are my words now. Before you take any of this man's words for face value, get the true facts about bears and bear hunting from the people that know them. Talk to your local Ministry of Natural Resources or the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

A bear hunter and proud of it.

Rocky Crawford,
Whitby, Ontario

saw programs eliminated and reductions in special education, design and technology, music and library. These examples demonstrate where less funding to education did not create more for our students, but definitely less.

Here in Haliburton County, our board received less funding and the following actions resulted: last year, elementary teachers, administrators, board office staff and trustees took less pay in order to save jobs and protect the classroom as much as possible; fewer dollars were put toward the transportation of students; Junior Kindergarten was cancelled; and our educational support workers were reduced in number. Less money was allocated for supply teachers and our students and programs have been negatively impacted.

This is our reality of "more for less".

However, there are some instances where we do receive more. The recent school board amalgamation of Haliburton, Muskoka and Victoria creates a "more" situation. More students, more teachers, more schools to manage and more geographic territory to cover. With all this, we have less autonomy, less of a voice and less funding. Remember Minister Snobelen, you said more would be better.

In this new system, school councils also receive "more for less". More work and more responsibility for less funding (whoops! that's not true--these volunteers, who were initiated by the government, were never given a budget to do things asked of them). They can't receive any less.

Minister Snobelen's view of the "more for less"

scenario has not materialized. Some may say we need to give it time. I disagree. In just a short time this approach is ripping apart the education system that teachers, administrators, support staff, trustees, parents and students have worked for. We have always worked towards improvements and excellence. With the government's approach we are not getting more and better education. We are not getting better representation. As employees, we are not even maintaining the status quo.

For many of us we simply have MORE concerns and questions than before and LESS faith in those making the decisions.

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Jeff Howe scores six goals in Hartwick win

by Jerry Grozelle

Thirty-eight goals were added to the Minden Men's Hockey Association total in two games January 20.

Hartwick 15, Home 7

Jeff Howe was the leading scorer with six goals and one assist as the Hartwick Construction squad defeated Home Hardware 15-7 in the first of two MMHA games January 20.

The Hartwick team led 4-1 at the end of the first period and 9-3 after two frames. The third saw Hartwick outscore Home Hardware 6-4.

Andrew Burke notched the most points for the winners, scoring four goals and helping to set up six more for 10 points. Tom Bagshaw netted a hat trick, while Jason Stamp and Bern Berry added a goal each to the winning tally. Stamp also picked up three assists and Berry had one. Mark Thompson helped the cause with five assists. Glenn Hall, Greg Sisson and Wyatt Nesbitt chipped in with two helpers apiece.

Peter Allore and Richard Cormier netted two replies each for Home Hardware, with singles going to Tom Haley, Dean Sisson and John Walden. John Stephenson helped set up two Home Hardware goals, while Haley, Allore, Walden, Cormier, Daryl Ward and Derrick Moore notched one assist apiece.

KDD 9, Westside 7

The night's second game was a closer contest, with Kountry Double D scoring a come-from-behind 9-7 win.

Westside took a 4-0 lead before KDD notched three in a row to cut the Westside lead to 4-3 by the end of the first period.

KDD tied the game early in the second and by the end of the middle frame the score was deadlocked at 6-6.

Westside fell behind 9-6, then scored the last goal of the game to end it at 9-7.

Scott Hamilton scored a hat trick and assisted on

two more. Scott Danilko and Craig Crowe added two goals each to the winning score. Single goals went to Charlie Teljeur and Rob Vandelst. Tom Miscio and Greg Carpenter picked up three assists each, while Greg Hurrell and Teljeur had a single helper each.

Darnell Gilbert and Craig Phillips led the Westside

scoring with two apiece. Jamie Dollo, Gord Wood and Sheldon Stevenson were the other snipers, with one each. Two assists each went to Jeff Black, Tony VanLieshout and John Teljeur, while Craig Phillips, Wood, John Ballantyne, Gilbert and Dollo notched one helper apiece.



RACERS BACK IN ACTION: Ice racing has returned to Minden. After a two-week delay because of weather and track conditions, the racers were out in full force on the weekend. The season will be extended two weeks to get the full six weeks of racing in.

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Minden curlers start second schedule

The second schedule of the Minden Curling Club's various leagues is under way. Following are results from the week of January 13 to 17:

Monday Night Ladies League

Dana Kinsman 7, Cheryl Murdoch 7
Barb Walford-Davis 7, Mary Jane Irwin 5
Nancy Garbutt 9, Pat Woodcroft 8

Tuesday Night Men's League

Russ Duhaime 7, Ross Wray 6
Don Blakey 13, Ross Petch 8
Gord Wood 12, Dwight Thomas 5
Bob Pollard 6, Paul Prentice 1
Jim Garbutt 7, Bill Roodenburg 6

Thursday Night Mixed League

Cheryl Murdoch 11, Brian Cross 7
Gord Wood 7, Dan Garbutt 7
Alf Trotter 6, Bob Pollard 5
Ted Wilkes 9, Keith Fountain 4

Friday Night Mixed League

Don Blakey 8, Paul Prentice 5
Mark Lund 13, Jim Garbutt 2
Cheryl Murdoch 7, Barb Walford-Davis 6
Zelda Cooper 8, Bill Roodenburg 5

Coming events

The Businesspersons' Mixed Curling Bonspiel will be held at the Minden Curling Club Saturday February 1. This is a fun bonspiel, where new curlers are encouraged to play and have a good time. Contact Doug Brown at 286-4380 if you are interested in sponsoring or playing in this one-day event.

February 21, 22 and 23 are the dates for the annual Rockbuster men's bonspiel. Contact Dwight Thomas at 286-3311 or Stan or Jean Dutka at 489-2005 for team registrations and details.

Lougheeds finish in the money

Two local mushers finished in the money at the annual Minden Sled Dog Derby held January 18 and 19.

Steve Lougheed placed twelfth in the eight dog class with a time of 56:39.48 while his son, Jesse, was twelfth in the four dog division. His time was 33:47.29. The other member of the family racing at this year's event, Val Lougheed, was in 26th place in the four dog class with a time of 36:55.11.

The entire Lougheed family, including 13 year-old son Caleb, is involved in the organization of the annual event. That means there is little time for training their teams in the weeks leading up to the event. As well, as the derby unfolds, they are kepy busy with a host of activities to ensure the event comes off smoothly.

Val is the Race Governor while Steve, as trail boss,

is responsible for ensuring the trail is in the best condition possible.

"It would look pretty odd if we didn't compete in Minden," Val commented after the race, "but with all the responsibilities we share leading up to the event, it is difficult to provide our teams with the attention and focus they need to be ready."

She commented that they are all hoping to return with more favourable results as they attend other races during the season. "We're into a regular training regimen now with the dogs and can give them 100 percent of our attention."

Last year Jesse Lougheed was ranked fifth in Canada in the four dog class, while brother Caleb was sixth. Steve was ranked ninth in the eight dog division.

Minden major tykes blank Ops 10-0

The Minden Monarch major tykes had planned a weekend on the road January 17 to 19, but bad weather forced the cancellation of the game scheduled for Friday night in Manvers.

They braved the cold temperatures Saturday morning (January 18) for a 9 o'clock game at the Ops arena. The Monarchs started the game with just six players, so the only chance they had for a rest was to take a turn in the net.

Matt Clements opened the scoring with a shot from the point that made it past four players and the Ops goalie. Eleven seconds later, Mike Lennox scored on a breakaway from the faceoff. Kyle Fry notched two more for Minden (30 seconds apart) then Lennox tipped in a perfect pass from Matt Eno.

Brady Hicks saved the only Ops shot of the first period and the Monarchs were ahead 5-0.

Two more Minden players arrived in time for the start of the second frame. The Monarchs continued to dominate the play in the middle period. Brady Hicks scored on a beautiful pass out from the corner by John Murray. Clements notched his second goal of the game to round out the second period scoring.

In the third period, Billy Kulas lifted the puck past the Ops goalie. The assist went to Derek Carpenter. Matt Eno netted one and Mike Lennox rounded out his hat trick to end it at 10-0 for the Monarchs.

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OMHA playoffs under way

Novices blank Bobcaygeon 2-0

Minden's OMHA novice Monarchs started the best-of-five first round of playoffs right. Nicki Wallace was unbeatable in the Minden net as the Monarchs blanked Bobcaygeon 2-0.

David McGlade scored what proved to be the game winner in the first period, from Andrew Bull and Darren Brown.

Cody Mills added the second Minden marker in the third period. Sean Keaney and Aaron Keaney assisted.

Peewees down 1-0

The OMHA peewee Monarchs are down 1-0 in the first round of playoffs against Newcastle. They gave up a 3-1 decision to their opponents in the opening game of the best-of-three series.

Josh Shaw was the lone Minden sharpshooter, scoring in the third period, from Trevor Woods.

Atoms oust Orono in two straight

Evan Kernohan scored a hat trick and assisted on two more, leading the atom OMHA Monarchs to an 8-3 victory over Orono. It was the first game of the best-of-three opening round of playoffs, in Minden.

Minden notched two goals in the first period. Kernohan's first goal was scored at 1:45 of the first frame. Kevin Walker assisted.

Walker netted the second Minden goal at the 4:07 mark, from Kernohan and Justin Horsley.

The second period was just 1:13 old when Horsley scored, from Kernohan. Midway through the period, Kernohan netted his second goal of the game, an unassisted marker.

Philip Greer scored a minute and 16 seconds into the third, on a setup from Kolt Smith. Less than two minutes later, Kernohan rounded out his hat trick. Horsley assisted. Mark Fisher scored the seventh goal for the Monarchs,

from Smith and Greer. Greer notched the last goal of the game at the 8:19 mark of the third, with Fisher assisting.

The Monarchs travelled to Orono for game two of the series Friday evening. Orono put up more resistance on home ice, but the Monarchs clinched the series with a 3-2 win.

The score was 1-1 at the end of the first period. Orono scored first, with Philip Greer notching the equalizer on an unassisted effort midway through the period.

Kevin Walker put the Monarchs in front with the only goal of the second frame. Justin Horsley assisted.

Minden went ahead 3-1 just 38 seconds into the third on a goal by Evan Kernohan. Horsley and Greer set that one up.

Bantams doubled 4-2

The OMHA bantam Monarchs must win their next two games against Orono to advance to the next round of playoffs. The Monarchs dropped a 4-2 decision to Orono in the first game of the best-of-three series.

David Byrnes and Danny Vanderlip were the Minden marksmen.

Midgets get a bye

The Minden OMHA midget Monarchs have a bye in the first round of playoffs after finishing second

overall in the league standings. The Monarchs await the outcome of the Bobcaygeon/Fenelon Falls series to see which of those two teams they will meet in the second round.

Mighty C tykes lose close game against 'Caygeon

Although the scoreboard indicated a 2-0 loss, Minden's Mighty C tyke hockey team was very evenly matched against the Bobcaygeon Cougars when the two teams competed in Minden January 1. The game could easily have gone the other way.

The first period was almost over when the Cougars got their first goal.

The Minden team remained within striking distance until late in the third period, when Bobcaygeon scored again to take a 2-0 lead.

The Mighty C team was scheduled to play against the Flyers in Fenelon Falls this past Saturday and the following day, the Flyers were slated to come back to Minden for a rematch.

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The opening game for the Minden Tri-County novice team was against Port Perry. The Port Perry team proved to be a worthy opponent, as the 4-3 score indicates.

After giving up the first goal of the game to Port Perry 47 seconds into the second period, the Monarchs rebounded with three in a row. Travis Walker scored the equalizer just 40 seconds after the opposition got on the scoreboard. Walker's goal was a solo effort. Thirty-five seconds later, Kody Smith put the Monarchs in front 2-1, with the assist going to Sherri Walker. The assault continued as Steve Draker notched the third Minden goal 29 seconds after Smith's goal. Justin Davidson drew an assist on that goal.

Port Perry wasn't about to roll over and play dead. Midway through the second, the Minden lead was trimmed to 3-2.

Just under three minutes into the third frame, Draker scored his second goal of the game to put the Monarchs in front by a 4-2 count.

Port Perry closed the gap to 4-3 with 1:28 remaining, but the Monarchs ward off the attack to preserve the 4-3 win.

Riding for Easter Seals

Tom Brooks tops up Art Dawson's snowmobile Saturday morning prior to the start of the Haliburton Rotary Club's annual Snowarama for Easter Seals. Looking on, from the left, are fellow Rotarians Peter Forgrave, Brian Black and Gary Brohman. This year's ride raised \$20,000.

Organizers of the annual Snowarama for Easter Seals were pleased with the response, Saturday, despite the blustery weather conditions. Some \$20,000 was raised for the charity by 100 snowmobilers who took to the trails at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve to validate the pledges they had collected. The local event is organized by the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

Randy Grant of Uxbridge carried the largest

amount in pledges on his ride, with \$3,026. The top Rotarian participating in this year's Snowarama was Jerry Walker who collected \$1,190 in pledges.

In addition to the 100 km ride, the participants enjoyed the hospitality of the club at the Forest's Boiler Room. Before heading out on the trail, the snowmobiles' tanks were topped up and each rider received a jug of snowmobile oil courtesy of Sid Stamp Fuels.

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(January 20)

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High single: Georgina Parkes 212; Fred Knight 257
High single (handicap): Elaine Davison 277; Fred Knight 277
High triple: Georgina Parkes 541; Fred Knight 664
High triple (handicap): Joanne Brown 715; Fred Knight 724

Monday Evening Mixed League

(January 20)

High average: Marlene Robinson 211; Scott Moore 226
High single: Marlene Robinson 250; Scott Moore 244
High single (handicap): Michelle Moore 272; Gord Darby 263
High triple: Marlene Robinson 678; Scott Moore 657
High triple (handicap): Michelle Moore 742; Gord Darby 701

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors League

High average: Eleanor Young 179; Walter Stegmaier 205
High single: Eleanor Young 198; Nick Boekestyn 202
High single (handicap): Ruth Platt 247; Ralph Young 251
High triple: Eleanor Young 510; Walter Stegmaier 549
High triple (handicap): Ruth Platt 676; Tom Hurtt 759

Thursday Night Mixed League

January 23)

High average: Joan Rivard 167; Walt Stegmaier 208
High single: Gina Teljeur 229; Bryan Rivard 321
High single (handicap): Gina Teljeur 299; Bryan Rivard 365
High triple: Glenda Cowling 530; Bryan Rivard 663
High triple (handicap): Glenda Cowling 728; Bryan Rivard 765

Tuesday Night Mixed League

(January 21)

High average: Cathy Snell 203; Scott Moore 222
High single: Cathy Snell 248; Norm Goldenberg 248
High single (handicap): Mary-Lou Packard 281; Norm Goldenberg 277
High triple: Cathy Snell 665; Fred Cox 662
High triple (handicap): Rawn Brown 750; Norm Goldenberg 707

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League

(January 23)

High average: Carolyn Beer 172; Ray Lymer 193
High single: Dorothy Boyd 224; Ray Lymer 268
High single (handicap): Peggy Harrington 286;

Wayne Beer 314

High triple: Edith Alzner 566; Wayne Beer 609

High triple (handicap): Joan Pritchard 722; Wayne Beer 753

Youth Bowling Leagues

(week ending January 11)

Peewee

High single: Vanessa Burk 112; Cody Liscombe 101
High double: Vanessa Burk 199; Bradley Brown 197

Bantam

High single: Lesley Cox 137; Kyle Burley 189
High triple: Lesley Cox 332; Kyle Burley 438

Junior/Senior

High single: Kelly Berry 188; Matt Reinwald 258
High triple: Kelly Berry 487; Matt Reinwald 587

Local bowlers advance

The House Round of the National Classified Five-Pin Bowling Championship Tournament was held at Minden's County Bowling Centre on Sunday, January 19. Entrants from all six house leagues vied for positions on the men's and ladies' teams. The top bowler (pins over average) in each of the five classifications formed the two teams which will go on to the Zone Round on March 9.

A tie-breaker had to be played between Al Clement and Alex Little for the Class III position on the men's team.

The men's team consists of:

Scott Moore - Class V; Eric Burk - Class IV; Alex Little - Class III; Jim Mickle - Class II; Nick Boekestyn - Class I.

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Sweeping powers conferred on transition committee

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responsibility. Defining boards' responsibilities more concisely is actually something studies, including the Royal Commission's work, have suggested might be a wise direction to pursue. The rest of the argument, however, is less solid, based on studies and the structure of parent councils.

First, the Commission had noted that many of the most populous boards were already in danger of losing connection to their communities. It seems hard to picture these latest changes easing this in any fashion.

Second, as other critics have noted, parent councils as originally conceived weren't really supposed to have that much to do with democratic representation.

"They're to get the parents involved," said Ladurantaye. "That's a very good thing... But interestingly enough, if you talk to some of the people who originally sat on the Ontario parent council which put the whole idea in place, they do not consider them the elected representatives of the people at large."

She's not sure, she says, what she thinks of this approach.

"What they're saying is that because they're taking education off the property tax, people who don't have children in school won't have to pay. And if you have a child in school, you can approach your parent council. Is that really true? Because, if I'm a property owner, does that mean I'm never, ever going to pay education tax? Not on my property taxes, but I'll lay you odds it's coming out of my money somewhere. But I have no voice anymore... Are they saying that because you have no children in school, you have no interest in education?"

Says Peterson, "The parents that I'm hearing from are hard-working, two working-parent families, and we've got some that very much want to be involved in the parent councils. But the majority of them are saying no, they don't want the liability issues... There is so much research that will tell you the more a parent is involved in their education, the more successful the child is likely to be... But as one mom who phoned me from Ottawa said, 'I want to take care of my school, my classroom, my kid. I don't want your job. If I wanted your job, I'd have run for it.'"

Furthermore, though the province seems to be implying their powers might be extended, this contradicts other actions. Says Ladurantaye, "They're supposed to increase their decision making over curriculum, report cards and discipline. Well, the province has just said that they're going to have a province wide report card. So I don't know how they have decision making over report cards. The province has just also said it's going to implement a province-wide curriculum — with some — very little — local control over local issues in the curriculum... So what are they really going to do?"

Suspension of judicial review

Another central issue for local stakeholders — as for many across the province — has been in the process the province has chosen to follow in implementing the changes. Among its more ominous moves, the province has given some extraordinary powers to the members of the Education Improvement Commission, to be headed up by former NDP Minister of Education David Cooke — the same man who, in the face of advice from the Royal Commission, ordered the formation of the 1995 task force on school board reduction.

The clauses that have them alarmed nestle down towards the end of the bill — the Fewer School Boards Act — that sets out the process by which changes will be made. The bill, in these clauses, attempts to exempt the commission's decisions and the bill itself from judicial review or from the Statutory Procedures Act, an act meant in part to curb legislative excesses, and dilutes normally more stringent penalties for any wrongful use of private information collected during the amalgamation process, should members of the committee be charged with the same. Coupled with the power given it to exercise a veto over board budgets during the next year, this effectively gives the com-

mission total and final control over virtually all significant aspects of board decision making for the coming year.

Hodgson defends this as a reasonable, and not unprecedented measure for the interim period, and confirms that there is some concern rich boards, disinterested in letting their neighbours get a piece of the action, might go on spending sprees. Local board officials, including director Brad Saunders, speculate that they can hope the government doesn't expect to use this power much, and might only intend to have it on hand for exceptional circumstances.

The fact remains, however, they say, that the powers are astonishingly sweeping, almost dictatorial. Said Saunders, on first reaction to the bill, "This really, for me, seems a little past the limit of what's acceptable in a free society."

Peterson and OPSBA, for their part, have other problems with the powers granted by the bill — concerns some of the local stakeholders also share. The point is, they say, whatever the province's opinion of their conduct, local ratepayers did elect their boards as trustees over the rates they are still, for now at least, paying. The province really shouldn't be able to commandeer those funds without a challenge — something it is quite explicitly proposing to do, in clauses in the bill that, besides giving the committee veto power over budgets, require boards to pay to cost of complying with any requests from the committee.

Said Peterson, "We've got a variety of very good legal opinions... that say we have a very strong constitutional basis for looking at the provincial takeover of the property tax... and we're encouraged by that. We certainly discussed it with our boards, and we have support from them. However, whether we will go in that direction will be determined by what the next piece of legislation looks like... Our first choice is to try to work with the government, see if we can work something out, make some sensible changes for kids."

The scope of the powers conferred by the bill did surprise her, she says. They seem to have surprised everyone. She sounds almost amused to hear claims there are precedents for so extreme an action.

"This is a group of unelected people who can make decisions that can affect every community," says Peterson. "And there's no appeal process... Anybody that I've talked to has never seen anything like this... If you look at that whole section there's power there to delegate massive powers to whomever it pleases."

The years ahead

While working out why the government might be doing what it's doing may not be so daunting, what it is all going to mean for the local system in the coming year and years remains, as in most areas, a little harder to determine.

Overall, the government is getting reasonably good marks locally for the changes to the funding model — a larger issue *The Times* will deal with at greater length later. Teachers, board trustees and officials generally commented that the change is overdue. OPSBA is less confident, and Peterson says that with the details of the new funding model yet to be made public, it's a little early for rural boards to be celebrating.

Labour and collective bargaining remains one of the big questions. CUPE wants to know about outsourcing — hiring people to do jobs on short-term contracts for lower wages and benefits — and the government has been noncommittal in its answers. For teachers and support staff both, there's the possibility the province will move to province-wide bargaining.

For the immediate year, the going looks like it may be a little rough. Trustees and board officials say they can't help but wonder if the incredibly tight time frame — amalgamation by the end of 1997 — isn't going to lead to some pretty big messes. Says current chair Cheryl Murdoch, "You really can't help going back to Snobelen's comment about creating a crisis... There's a lot to do, and not a lot of answers yet."

The amalgamation with Muskoka, something the board had in no way anticipated prior to the government's announcement, has thrown in variables the boards are, as yet, unable to assess. Though numbers had been run on potential costs and benefits of a previously proposed four way amalgamation with Peterborough, Northumberland-Clarington and Victoria, the new three way amalgamation has no such analysis behind it. As far as anyone knows, the province hasn't done any either. The boards say they are getting together to work things out and work towards the transition, but it's taking time. Hodgson defends the decision vis-a-vis Muskoka on the basis that Muskoka has more in common with Haliburton than did Peterborough and Northumberland-Clarington. As to why the

boards were not consulted or informed in light of government promises to consult with local stakeholders, he could not say.

Students, for their part, may get a shot at participating in a system with more options than were ever present before. The neighbouring systems offer French immersion programs and adult education, something the Haliburton board doesn't have. Small systems, as Haliburton trustees have long known, have to be fairly general and universal in their approach, and can't offer some of the specialized programs larger systems can provide.

That's assuming, of course, that funding cuts stay within the lines permitted by any genuine efficiencies found, and that the system can therefore accommodate them. That, say most, really, is the issue.

Tose, who says that cuts by this and the previous governments are beginning to be felt in little ways in the classroom, says it's good to know the government is working to make funding more equitable, but having an equitable share of a smaller pool is a mixed blessing. "It's fine to change the funding model, and probably for the better," he says. "But will they guarantee that funding is not going to be cut half a billion or a billion dollars next year. If they do make the cuts, it can't help but have an impact on classrooms."

Teachers, finally, are somewhat divided, if apprehensive. There are things that may be positive for them here, and lots to give them pause.

Says Christine Lynde of the women teachers' association, "Teachers are continuing to do their jobs, and waiting in limbo as to what is going to happen next. They feel that things are happening all around them, and they come as surprises.... I still have a lot of concerns, and I'm still going to voice them, and I'm still going to ask questions of Ministers Snobelen and Hodgson, but for my members, I need to try to find some bright lights for them. And one of those is perhaps the equity in funding... Another is that for people in our board who had hoped for some mobility there is the possibility of transfers. New schools, new ideas... There's another thing that people might find quite useful. But so far those are the only two."

She laughs. "We'll just try to continue to look for them and to try to make the package work for people. It's pretty difficult sometimes, but we keep looking."

The decisions of the Education Improvement Commission or of a delegate of the Commission are final and shall not be reviewed or questioned by a court... The Statutory Powers Procedure Act does not apply to the Education Improvement Commission or to a delegate of the Commission.

— Fewer School Boards Act, 1997, Subsections 344 (2) and (3)

"This really, to me, seems a little past the limit of what's acceptable in a free society."

— Brad Saunders, director, Haliburton County Board of Education

"These are a group of unelected people that can make decisions that can affect every community. And there's no appeal process... Anybody that I've talked to has never seen anything like this... If you look at that whole section there's power there to delegate massive powers to whomever they please."

— Lynn Peterson, president, OPSBA.

Aerial rabies battle goes to the Lone Star State

Kinmount resident helping in Texas

For Kinmount resident Kim Bennett, five weeks in Texas helping to fight a rabies epidemic isn't something she'll soon forget.

The rabies technician, daughter of Richard and Evelyn Bennett, has made a lot of new friends, seen a lot of new territory and is basking in the experience.

"The Texas rabies staff that we work with are very friendly and it's a great team effort," said Kim. With three years aerial rabies baiting experience in Ontario, Kim was selected as part of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources contingent, which flew to Texas from Sault Ste. Marie in three Twin Otter aircraft on January 4.

"The flight down was pretty long. It took us 13 hours, fighting a headwind most of the way. But when we arrived at Alice, Texas at nine o'clock that night, the Texans were waiting for us at the airport. The temperature had hit 90 degrees Fahrenheit that day and it was still very warm."

Of course, weather can change dramatically in the Lone Star State. "The following evening I was in the outdoor pool at the hotel. By the next morning



Kinmount resident Kim Bennett, third from the left, and her colleagues in Texas, unload equipment from an MNR aircraft after completing another flight.

we were all bundled up against rain, winds and temperatures that hovered just above freezing. Unfortunately, we lost two days with the aircraft being grounded because of the weather.

"I haven't done a lot of flying yet but I enjoy the different scenery and topography and the wildlife that can be seen from the air, like white-tailed deer, javalinas (wild pigs), snow geese, antelope, elk and goats. I'm looking forward to moving on to West Texas."

From Alice, just 75 km. west of the Gulf of Mexico, the rabies baiting team will move to Fort Stockton on the Texas/Mexico border. From there, they'll move to Burnet, about a 90 minute drive west of San Antonio, where they'll finish the project by dropping baits to combat an outbreak of rabies in gray foxes.

"This is a great experience," said Kim. "The days can be long because the three aircraft are flying from dawn to dusk, seven days a week but we do get some time to ourselves. You can either catch up on some sleep, do some shopping, or visit the local sites."

The project is similar to one carried out in Ontario. Bait containing a rabies vaccine is dropped in wilderness areas. It is hoped that wild animals, such as foxes, will consume the bait and thereby help reduce the incidence of rabies among the wildlife population.

The Kinmount resident is enjoying the job but she does admit to missing her family and friends, and is one of the few Ontarians who says she misses the snow..... but not the shovelling.

(From details provided by MNR Information Officer Bob Thomas.)

Trappers compete at workshop

The Minden District Fur Harvesters' annual Workshop and Fun Day was well attended and considered a success by president of the association Brian Austen. The event was held January 19 at the Minden Community Centre.

"A great time was had by all," Austen commented.

Once again, the fur fashion show, sponsored by Bernard Cahill Furs of Peterborough, was a popular attraction. This year's models included Leslie Austen, Jennifer Browning, Leanna Cowan, Jason Sipe and Alexis McNabb.

In addition to demonstrations and displays, fur preparation competitions were held as part of the event.

Winners of the fur done at the workshop division

Beaver: first, Phil Tamlin and sons of Lindsay.

Otter: first, Kevin Coppins of Coboconk; second, Terry Cowen of Haliburton.

Coyote: first, Phil Tamlin.

Fisher: first, Terry Cowen.

Martin: first, Brian Austen of Minden.

Raccoon: first, Phil Tamlin.

Fur done at home winners

Best bundle of three species: first, Gary Lee of Wilberforce; second, Brian Austen.

Beaver: first, Ron McKelvey of Minden; second, Bruce Sawyer of Haliburton.

Fisher: first, Brian Austen.

Otter: first, Phil Tamlin; second, Bruce Sawyer.

Wolf: first, Phil Tamlin; second Shayne McKelvey.

Red fox: first, Shayne McKelvey; second, Phil Tamlin.

Raccoon: first, Phil Tamlin; second, Aubrey Gostlin of Norland.

Winners of children's candy: April Austen and Pam Miscio.

Tomahawk throw competition:

Ladies: first, Jennifer McCormick; second, Charlene Austen.

Men: first, Norm Graham of Norland; second, Brian Austen.

50/50 draw winner: Art Austen.

Hooped beaver winner: Terry Allore.

Gun case and bracket winner: Tom Simmons.

Licensed trapper draw winner, for a hunting knife: Richard Hilyer.

Austen expressed appreciation to the many community sponsors who provided prizes and support for the workshop.

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Anthony vanLieshout holds the new sign which displays the new affiliation of the Haliburton based real estate office.

vanLieshout Realty expands affiliation

Haliburton's vanLieshout Realty Ltd. has joined the Royal LePage Associate Broker Network. Anthony vanLieshout, owner of the Haliburton office, announced the affiliation last week.

"Our alliance with Royal LePage is very important to us," vanLieshout said. "We can now offer the community the additional benefits and services of one of Canada's most respected real estate names, combined with the intimate knowledge of local neighbourhoods which we already provide."

"Through the Royal LePage connection, vanLieshout Realty will be able to offer additional services, such as North America's largest customer referral network, corporate relocation services

and access to Royal LePage's internet exposure. Royal LePage's internet site is the largest of its kind in Canada; it has already resulted in many transactions involving people who might otherwise not have been able to view a particular property. What better way to promote the Haliburton Highlands to the world! It is a value-added service for our customers."

Anthony is a Haliburton native who returned to the community a year ago to take over vanLieshout Realty, a business started by his father, Larry vanLieshout more than 40 years ago. "This latest addition is part of our ongoing commitment of service to our community," Anthony commented.

January meeting of the Minden Women's Institute

Minden Women's Institute meeting was held on January 15 in the common room at the Library with the president Jean Cox welcoming everyone.

The roll call was answered by members giving a special collection to the card fund. Eleven cards have been sent since the December meeting.

Plans were made for the next meeting on February 19 when the Women's Institute will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The agenda about the first W.I. meeting, which was sent to us from head office, will be followed, also a skit will be presented as well as a history of Minden W.I. This will be followed by an old-fashioned lunch.

Jean Cox introduced the speaker, Shirley Cox, who, with the help of her husband Ron, has compiled a history of fairs in Minden over the past 100 years. She told many interesting facts on how the exhibits and prizes have changed from early days to the present. For several

years the Women's Institute served lunches at the fairgrounds on fair day.

Shirley was thanked by the members and Nancy Gayton presented

her with a token of appreciation.

The meeting closed and all enjoyed a tasty lunch.

Mary Cox, Secretary.

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Fisheries projects get support

The Ministry of Natural Resources provided \$515,000 in funding to support volunteers in 242 fishery improvement projects across Ontario in 1996, Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson has announced.

"This is the largest amount MNR has ever invested in its Community Fisheries Involvement Program in a single year," Hodgson said.

MNR's Community Fisheries Involvement Program (CFIP) provides seed money and technical expertise to organized volunteer groups that have had projects approved by the ministry. Typical activities include, fish culturing and stocking projects, spawning bed restorations, stream rehabilitations, fish transfers, fish ladders and fishery assessments. CFIP funds are generally used for materials and supplies with the volunteer group providing all the neces-

sary labour to complete the project.

"The CFIP Program facilitates worthwhile fishery projects throughout the province, but it is only possible because of the great contributions in time and energy provided by dedicated CFIP volunteers," said Hodgson. "I want to heartily thank all the participating individuals and groups for their vital assistance and pledge my ministry's continued support for this important program."

Funding for CFIP projects now comes from the special account established last year by MNR to support fish and wildlife management activities using revenue collected from fish and wildlife licence fees, royalties and fines.

Interested groups or individuals should contact their local MNR District Office for further information on the program or projects in their area.

Brad Trumbull: darts sharp shooter at Staunworth Court

Weather seems to be the main topic of conversation in our halls these days, but a sentence we came across states that "All of us could take a lesson from the weather... it pays no attention to criticism".

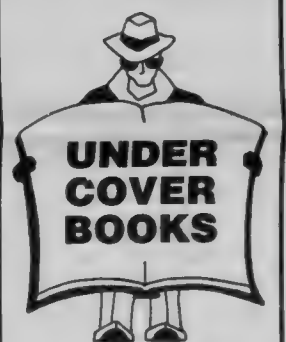
We do have our indoor games--euchres, bingo and darts that call forth our best(?) moments. Brad Trumbull has won a few stars for his shots at the dart board.

Most of the residents participated in a Pot Luck

supper---it was quite evident that the general opinion was that we really needed desserts. WOW, what a great selection. After we staggered from the tables there were some games organized by Katie Parker. Fortunately, they were all 'sit-down' events with a variety of prizes. It was a very enjoyable inside evening, watching the rain pouring down on the snowbanks.

We were all happy the Sled Dog Races took place on the planned

weekend. It was great to see so many folks on the main thoroughfare, enjoying the events. Now, is spring really "just around the corner?"



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Dogs should never be trusted around children

by Kimberley Joyce DVM

A recent study reported that the city of Toronto registered 419 dog bites in 1993. The true number is actually higher since so many bites go unreported. The study confirmed that young children received the most serious injuries. Fatalities still occur.

Eighty-five percent of the children who were bitten knew the dog. Nearly 75% of all children were bitten as a result of trying to play with, pet or tease the dog. The majority of cases took place on private property or while the dog was under leash control.

What should the concerned parent do?

First and foremost, resist the romantic image of dogs with children. One should never trust a dog with a child. A dog is a dog, not a furry human. And biting is a natural canine activity. Telling a child to "pet the nice doggie" could prove extremely dangerous. The unfortunate truth is that many dogs have not been properly socialized as puppies. These dogs do not automatically recognize children as small humans. Indeed, young children smell and behave differently. Babies are even more unusual, emitting high-pitched cries and soiling diapers. Few dogs meet a baby in their lifetime.

The stiff, jerky movements, eye contact and uncoordinated touch of a child can seem very threatening to a dog. Canines perceive the acts of reaching and staring as direct challenges.

The height of young children predisposes them to frequent facial injuries. Do not allow children to randomly approach strange dogs. Set a good example. Avoid bending over to pet strange dogs. Hovering over an animal is viewed as a dominant gesture or threat of attack. Be extremely cautious where food or dog toys are concerned. Food or toy related aggression can occur in even the most patient dog. Do not take the risk.

Recognize that a dog on a leash can not escape from uninvited petting. A fearful or timid dog can be just as dangerous as a barking, lunging dog when cor-

nered. Provide your dog with the option to retreat to a safe place away from unwanted attention. Keenly aroused dogs are not necessarily safe either. Young dogs can be exuberant and accidentally knock down a child. A screaming and running child can elicit predatory behaviour in almost any dog. Dogs engaged in predatory behaviour can appear excited and eager, whimpering and whining. When in doubt, confine your dog away from excited children.

In summary, dogs bite at perceived threats, intentional or otherwise. Dogs which are not properly socialized, controlled or confined may bite children. And finally, dog owners who do not understand canine behaviour may inadvertently promote dog bites. Know your dog and avoid potentially dangerous situations.

This recent Toronto study suggests that at least 80% of dog bites in young children are preventable. Education is fundamental. Contact a professional dog trainer or veterinarian for guidance. For as long as we keep dogs as companions, dog bites will continue to happen.

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THE PROPOSED BY-LAW will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 27th day of February, 1997, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Lutterworth this 16th day of January, 1997.

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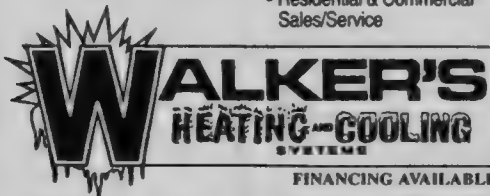
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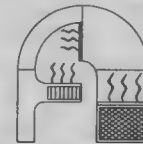


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Around the County Town

by Gord Graham (call 286-6506-- FAX 286-3460)

Old age is that period of life when actions creak louder than words.

The County Town Museum and Pioneer Centre is holding its next committee meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 10 a.m. in the common room of the Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Roy, cottaging on South Lake, enjoyed the company of two guests from Auckland, New Zealand - Sandra Jeffrey and Angela Harwood. Sandra and Angela are here in Canada as volunteers for the winter games for the handicapped. While here in Minden they enjoyed the Sled Dog races and our little town. The Roys and their guests also enjoyed Minden hospitality when they dropped in to see the Kelly family on Newcastle Street on two occasions on Saturday, January 18.

Wise quote: "The older I get, the better I was".

The Fibromyalgia Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue support group will be meeting at the Roodenburg residence on Monday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For further information please call Michelle at 489-1999 or 1-800-959-9098.

On January 12, the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 636, Minden had another successful "Big Buck Euchre". First prize of \$100 went to Ralph Schroter. Other winners were Sherin Brown, Ida Young, Jean Scadden, Hugh Fountain, Truman McNeil and Pat Roussel. The prize for the most lone hands was shared by Lila Mitchell and Grace Dixon. The winner of the wooden snowman welcome sign was Marjorie Coulter. The next big buck euchre will

be on Sunday, February 9.

Our sincere sympathy to Judy and Keith Hardy. Judy's Dad passed away on January 12, 1997.

St. Paul's Friendship Club, N. Water St., had their weekly euchre fun last Monday and Katie Parker won the high score. Most lone hands award went to Verna McDonald and the 50-50 draw to Ellen Holden. Tea was poured by Iris Taylor (all over the table). Come out and enjoy the fun, euchre and company every Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Club 35 held a euchre party last week and the high scores were won by Barb Robitaille and Merv Bunker. Verna Sawyer had the most lone hands and Helen Henderson won the 50-50 draw. Other winners were Edith Russell, Bob Lewis and Garth Windsor. Everyone is welcome to join in the euchre games every Monday at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Club 35 is located 9 kms north of Carnarvon.

Seniors bid euchre winners from last week were Grace Dixon, Marcel Rousselle and Earl Hayne for the high score award; Bill Menard, Howard Smith, Gala Stamp and Earl Hayne for capturing moonshots; Kay Smith for the hidden score. The seniors meet at the Minden Legion every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and most always have a ball.

Contract bridge winners from the

Stanhope Library last week were first Wynne Hansen, second Myrna McCarthy and third Ross Fletcher. Everybody is most welcome to join in every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. - partners are not required.

I had the pleasure of visiting Jack and Vange Croucher in Florida last week and they send their love and good tidings to everyone. "They just can't wait to get back" !!

Apologies go out to the euchre players in Lochlin for results of games played on January 14 were missed. On January 21, Gelert hosted the euchre games and Dorothy McElwain and Bob Vick won the high scores, Violet and Dave Danilko (hope I got the right spelling) won the low score and Murray MacKinnon won the most lone hands. The group meets at the Lochlin Community Centre next, on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. (Gelert February 4). Everyone is most welcome to join.

Medical Daffy-nitions:

- artery: the study of paintings.
- dilate: to live long.
- barium: what they do when a patient dies.
- labour pains: being hurt at work.
- medical staff: a doctor's cane.
- nitrates: prices cheaper than day rates.
- terminal illness: getting sick at the airport.
- vein: a conceited body part.

Patches brightens the day for Hyland Crest residents

We're sorry we missed you last week, but the snowstorm that benefited the sled dog derby played havoc with us meeting our volunteer editor. I guess by now, we should introduce ourselves.

There are four of us on the Senior League Committee--Lola Prentice, Winnifred Bar num, Vera and Walter Stevens. Our volunteer

Senior League

editor has dubbed us "her roving reporters". She, like many of our other volunteers, works silently in the background to bring the community into our lives. We cannot begin to mention all the names, but we appreciate all their efforts and hard work. A big, big thank you to you all.

Last week we held a memorial service for those who passed away in December: Lil Martin, Mary McKelvey, Irene McKelvey and Reg Cook.

On January 14, in the auditorium, residents and their families met with Extencicare, County Council and the Board of management for a question and answer session.

On the 15th we enjoyed a fish and chip lunch from Gramma's, along with black cherry ice cream from Kawartha dairy. What a treat!

That same evening we enjoyed music

with Doris Alton and her sister-in-law Cheryl Alton, playing guitar and singing. When enjoy music very much and have many good singers among our residents. However, we are in trouble. Do you or any of your friends have a piano that you would be willing to donate, as the one we have is completely worn out. We would be willing to

pay something for a good piano.

We now have a new "daily" resident, 'Patches'. When Rob Young joined us, he had to leave his pal behind. Needless to say, he missed him very much. Happily a solution was found. Patches, Rob's dog, was adopted by Linda Fry and he accompanies her every day to our home and leaves with her every evening. Patches is everybody's friend.

Dottie and Bob Muirhead have left us for a Florida vacation, so we are without a bus driver.

We are looking forward to our Robbie Burns celebration on January 27.

Winter is a long time for residents of Hyland Crest. We love and need entertainment. Are you an entertainer? If so contact Linda Fry at Hyland Crest.

That's it for now. Talk with you again next week. In the meantime.... keep smiling.

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AT REST

PAQUETTE
Sherlyn Anne 'Sherri'
Peacefully at the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, after a valiant struggle with cancer, on Friday January 24th, 1997, in her 53rd year. Beloved daughter of Eileen and Murray Hutchinson of Maple Lake. Dear mother of Greg and his wife Jenny of Mississauga. Loving grandmother of Jaimie and Derek. Dear sister of David Porter of Maple Lake, Lynda Hand of Scarborough and Barbara Hutchinson of Keswick. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Family and friends visited at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden, on Sunday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, January 27 at 3:00 p.m. Spring interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Women's College Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST

**KERNOHAN,
Karen**

At the Oshawa General Hospital on Friday, January 24, 1997, at the age of 55. Beloved daughter of Evelyn and Loyne Cox. Dear mother of Tony Kernohan, Randy Kernohan and his wife Heather, and Rob Kernohan. Dear sister of Ivan Cox and his wife Elizabeth. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Marie, Marcia, Randi and by her nephews David and Ryan. Family and friends may visit at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday January 28 at 3:00 p.m. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

**KAASALAINEN,
Jalmari**

Peacefully in Coldwater on Thursday, January 23, 1997, in his 84th year. Beloved husband of the late Helvi, dear friend of Kirsti. Loving father of Arvo and his wife Barbara of Coldwater, predeceased by Ernie and Kaarlo. Loving grandfather of Paul, John, Steven, David, Sheila, Randy, Danny and great-grandfather of Travis, Andrew, Aaron and Natasha. Dear brother of Alma and Aino of Finland. Family and friends called at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Sunday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday, January 27 at 1 p.m. Spring interment Gelert Cemetery. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

**IRVINE,
Hazel Eileen**

At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 in her 62nd year. Beloved wife of Jack Irvine of Minden. Dear mother of Kathy and her husband Herb Buker of Janetville, Debbie and her husband Norm Viney of Minden and predeceased by Leon. Loving grandmother of Marley, Brandon, Ashley and Sean. Dear sister of Glenn Stamp, Brenda Carlin, Shirley Adams, Dennis Stamp and predeceased by Genevieve Cooper and Cleveland Stamp. Family and friends called at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, January 24 at 1:30 p.m. Spring Interment Burnt River Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

**BRANDT,
Georg**

Peacefully at home in Toronto on Thursday, January 23, 1997 at the age of 80. Beloved husband of the late Elfriede. Dear father of Regina and her husband Peter Belling, Monika and her husband Ed Pearce, Juergen and Andrea. Loving grandfather of three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Survived by his brother and sister in Germany. A Private Funeral Service will be held. Cremation. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden (705) 286-2181.

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Myrtle**

(Resident of Extencicare-Haliburton)

At Peterborough Civic Hospital on Wednesday, January 22, 1997. Beloved wife of the late Harry Davies. Loving mother of Dorothy (Mrs. Ted Iles), Barbara (Mrs. Ray Nicholls), Richard (Dick) and his wife Grace all of Haliburton and Beverley (Mrs. Ron Sawyer) of Little Britain. Lovingly remembered by thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Ruby Miller of Haliburton. Predeceased by her sons Ronald and Bill, sister Gertie, brothers Leonard and Charles and one great-grandson. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Thursday, January 23, 1997 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday morning, January 24, 1997 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. A Ladies Auxiliary Legion Service was held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

**BOX,
Leonard, "Len"**

Suddenly in Florida, on Tuesday January 21, 1997, at the age of 64. Beloved husband of Joyce Box. Dear father of Derrick and his wife Lori, Craig and his wife Darlene, Lisa and her husband Jeff Warburton. Loving grandfather of Tyler. Dear brother of William Box, Ruth Jackson and Ellen Lewis. Family and friends may visit at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Tuesday, January 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the Funeral Service to follow in the Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Spring Interment Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

**COOPER,
Dwayne Lloyd**

Suddenly at home in Minden on Monday, January 20, 1997 at the age of 26. Beloved son of Jerald and Pat Cooper of Minden. Dear brother of Karen of Minden, Jerry and his wife Nicole of St. Albert, Alberta and uncle of Feisha. Loving grandson of Fred and Illa Cooper, Elsie Watson and predeceased by his grandparents Holly Cooper and Lloyd Watson. Sadly missed by his aunts, uncles and cousins. Family and friends visited at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday, January 23, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. Spring Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

IN MEMORIAM

MISCIO, Annie: In loving memory of my dear mother and grandmother who passed away on January 27, 1993.

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty space,
He then looked upon the earth
And saw Mom's tired face,
He put his arms around you
And lifted Mom to rest God's
garden must be beautiful
For He only takes the best. He
saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard
to climb*

*So He closed Mom's weary eyes
And whispered
"Peace be Thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
Mom But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
When Jesus called you home.
Sadly missed and forever loved
by daughter Nell and
grandchildren.*

MISCIO, Annie: In loving memory of a dear Mother who passed away January 27, 1993. *As time goes by without you And months turn into years, They hold a million memories And a million tears.*

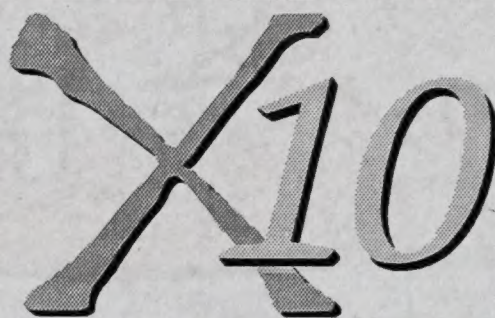
*To us you were so special
What more is there to say
Except I wish with all my heart
That you were here today.*

*For those who have a mother
Treasure her with gentle care
For you'll never know the heart-ache*

*Till you see her empty chair.
Lovingly remembered and sadly
missed by daughter Vera.*

MISCIO, Annie: In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away January 27, 1993. *Mom's life is a beautiful memory
Her death is a silent grief,
She sleeps in God's beautiful
garden,
In sunshine of perfect peace;*

*We miss her, oh how much, But
realize God knew best,
He let us have her many ears,
Then gently bade her rest.
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